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CHANNAHON
MINOOKA
Chamber & Chamber
A Division of Grundy County Chamber of Commerce

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Celebrating Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating a milestone:

5 Years

Buffalo Wild Wings
Rodan and Fields – Christy Kelly

10 Years

State Rep 75th District David Welter

15 Years

SPACECO, Inc.
Taco Burrito King
A-1 Eco/Water Treatment

20 Years

Unit #1 Educational Foundation

40 Years

Hoffman Transportation
Advanced Urology Associates

45 Years

Benson Insurance Agency, Inc.
Three Rivers Public Library District

55 Years

Dibble Enterprises Inc.

60 Years

Northern Illinois Steel Supply Company

110 Years

Com Ed

180 Years

Grundy County

Please remember, to keep your information up to date we need your help. Contact Brenda at the Chamber (admin@grundychamber.com) with the date you opened your business.



Thank you to our new 2020 members!

These members joined the Grundy Chamber and Channahon Minooka Chamber during a difficult year for businesses. We are grateful for your investment in our business community.

Country Financial - Dean Tambling, Coal City
Rachetti's, Coal City
La Piazza Ristorante, Coal City
Minooka Animal Hospital, Minooka
Trotter & Associates Insurance, Coal City
Rosati's of Coal City
Little Learner Children's Academy, Channahon
Major School of Dance, Inc, Coal City
Aerilon Consulting Services, Channahon
Let's Party, Morris
Rock Soul Love, Morris
U-Can Store It, Minooka
CASA of River Valley, Joliet
The Doctor Is In, Minooka
Dazzling Displays, Inc., Morris
Jackson @ Absolute Appraisals LLC, Morris
Amy's Academics, Morris
The Alzheimer's Association, Joliet
McDonald's of Channahon
McDonald's Channahon - W. Eames, Channahon
McDonald's of Coal City
Wyman Automotive, Minooka
My Happy Cafe and Pancake House, Coal City
El Patron Mexican Kitchen, Coal City
Whistle Stop Cafe, Diamond

Boyk Consulting Inc., Joliet
Anytime Fitness, Minooka
The Threadery, Morris
Hair Benders Salon, Coal City
Findlay Real Estate Group- Patty Gonzalez,
Braidwood
Starved Rock Country Alliance, Ottawa
Tarra Ann Photography, Morris
Illinois Truck & Equipment Co., Inc., Morris
M&M Bank, Channahon
M&M Bank - Briggs, Joliet
M&M Bank - Essington, Joliet
State Farm Insurance Agent - Jerry Hallahan,
Diamond
Curved, Morris
Gigi's Women's Boutique, Morris

For more information on these businesses and all members visit grundychamber.com.

**List as of Dec. 18.*

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Shaw Media

***Mary Rossio, Ambassador
Chair**
Joliet Area Community Hospice

+ Executive Committee
* Appointed Position

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Edward Jones

Judi Tapella
Mary Kay Cosmetics

From the President & CEO's Desk

Happy New Year Everyone! I've never been happier to give that salutation. Thank goodness it's finally 2021.

Like many of you and your businesses, the Chamber has big plans for this year, but those plans are still fluid. We hope to bring back in-person events ASAP. While the Chamber has tried to pivot as much as possible with events and programs through the pandemic, face to face networking is missed and needed.

Until health guidelines and safety protocols change, we will continue virtual events such as our monthly Coffee & Companies. In addition, we will be offering more webinars/virtual luncheons. We also plan to still have some sort of Family Fest this year, but it will not be in February as years past. We will watch the Illinois Department of Public Health's recommendations for group gatherings and are researching what an outside Family Fest might look like. Once we have a plan in place we will inform all of you.

I am also happy to share that the Chamber and Grundy Economic Development Council do plan to have some sort of annual celebration together, as we do every year to recognize our local businesses and organizations. Once again, the details of this event are yet to come as we research the safest way to host such an event.

I know this is a lot of general information without a lot of details. As a Chamber this kills us as we are always planning for the future. We ask for your patience. We promise to inform you as plans come to fruition. Until then, remember we are still working for all of you with online programing, referrals, and being a voice for business with local, state, and federal officials on your COVID-related needs. We continue to meet with members, whether in person, via phone, or Zoom, to hear your needs and help however we can. Marketing and promotion programs are continuously underway, and if you aren't already doing so follow us on Facebook and Instagram. These outlets have been a crucial tool for members through the pandemic. We use social media to help distribute resources and information, along with our website and eblasts. We also use social media to help spread the news of our members.

After what we have all gone through in 2020, we are all ready for whatever 2021 brings, and the Chamber is here to help make it the best year yet for your business.

Sincerely,



Christina Van Yperen

SPONSOR A MEMBERSHIP

Help businesses join or renew with the Grundy Chamber. Some local businesses are struggling due to COVID-19. They are in need of Chamber benefits, but are financially spread too thin. Are you able to help a local business grow their network and resources by sponsoring their membership? If so, please call the Chamber at 815-942-0113 or visit grundychamber.com.

Thank you to these members so far for their contributions:



***Chamber renewal invoices for 2021 have been mailed. Don't let your Chamber Membership Benefits lapse. To pay your invoice you can mail in your payment to 909 Liberty St., Morris, call 815-942-0113 or visit grundychamber.com.**

Thank you for your investment!

Member News & Briefs

The **Morris Downtown Development Partnership** is encouraging everyone to take the pledge to support downtown Morris restaurants. If we commit to \$20 each week, per person and a quarter of Morris' almost 15,000 residents (or 3,750 people) pledge to spend \$20 per week at our downtown restaurants, that would mean \$75,000 per week spent at our restaurants! With about 20 downtown restaurants, that equates to \$3,750 per restaurant each week to cover operational costs. This could be the difference between economic survival or closure. So, let's pledge today to consistently order take out and support our local restaurants while this is their only option. Visit <http://chn.g.it/2XtxNsNf67> to pledge and join the Facebook group.

LyondellBasell makes Newsweek Magazine's 'America's Most Responsible Companies' List. LyondellBasell has achieved a repeat performance, claiming a spot once again on Newsweek Magazine's 2021 list. This is the second time LyondellBasell appears on the list,

which debuted in 2020. The publication uses this list to recognize companies for their performance in the areas of environmental, social and corporate governance. Congrats LyondellBasell!

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers was awarded its fifth consecutive 'A' on the most recent Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade that was released Dec. 14. This national distinction recognizes Morris Hospital's achievements in protecting patients from harm and providing safer health care. The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization committed to health care quality and safety. The Safety Grade assigns an A, B, C, D or F grade to all general hospitals across the country and is updated every six months. The grade is based on a hospital's performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents, infections, and other harm to patients in their care. Congrats Morris Hospital!

Got news to share? Let us know at info@grundychamber.com

Laurie Stone, Licensed Acupuncturist and owner of **Three Wells Acupuncture Clinic, Inc.** is celebrating her newly added title of Certified Aromatherapist. The program consisted of 235 hours in aromatherapy chemistry, blending, and safety; it also included 20 supervised case studies with patients and she completed her research paper on the use of essential oils for anxiety according to Chinese medicine-based symptom patterns. For more information on consulting with Laurie, go to www.threewellsclinic.com.

The **Joliet Slammers** announce Aaron Nieckula as the new field manager of the team. Nieckula joins the Slammers after a 17 year coaching career with the Oakland Athletics, where he began in 2004 as the hitting coach of the Kane County Cougars. He quickly moved up to become Manager of the Cougars, before later managing the Burlington Bees, Stockton Ports, Midland Rockhounds, and Vermont Lake Monsters - all in the A's farm system. Since 2015, in addition to his managerial assignments he also served as the A's Arizona Field Coordinator, where he mentored coaches and coordinated player development during the baseball offseason. Welcome Aaron.

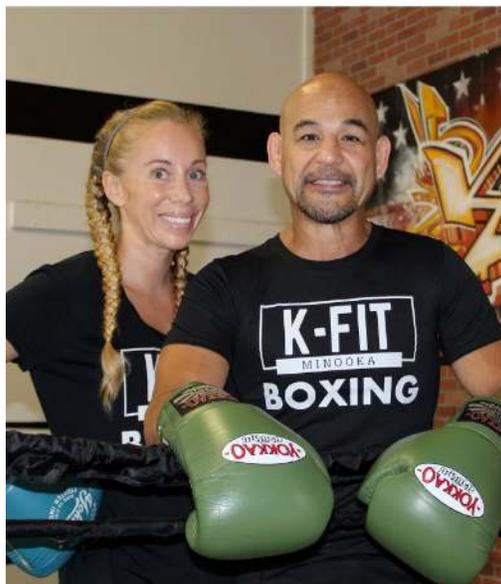
Welcome new members!

- **Fox Lens Studios** (863) 617-8153
Morris, IL 60450

Fox Lens Studios is a multi-purpose small business doing portrait photography, customizable star maps, and that creates 100% soy wax candles that bring you back to family memories as you burn them.

- **Gigi's Women's Boutique** (815) 513-5788
126 W. Washington St.
Morris, IL 60450

A clothing store dedicated to bringing you the most fabulous, current & trendy clothes without leaving behind classic fashions. It also offers shoes & accessories at moderate prices. Offering clothing in sizes small to 3XL.



"We are so thankful for Grundy Bank and their help securing a Paycheck Protection Loan for our small business here in Grundy County. My husband, Kenji, and I opened the doors to K-FIT Minooka three years ago with the goal of empowering those in our community with Parkinson's disease to fight back with boxing training. When the COVID pandemic forced us to close our doors, Grundy Bank's loan made it possible for us to continue our mission and receive a paycheck when we needed it most. Grundy Bank is our hometown bank!"

- Anne & Kenji Kaneko
K-FIT LLC, Minooka, IL

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We continue to monitor phase guidelines and COVID-19 data in hopes of in-person networking events returning soon!

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT ...

VIRTUAL COFFEE & COMPANY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14
8-9 A.M.

Join us for our monthly morning networking event - hosted this month by **Anytime Fitness Minooka.**



Event will be held virtual and is free to attend!

To register, please contact
Events Director Christine Mendez
christine@grundychamber.com



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